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- 1. THE GOM HAS TAKEN THE HIGH ROAD ON THE SUMMIT CANCELLATION, OFFICIALLY CONCEALING THE WIDESPREAD SATISFACTION WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT HAS MET WITH HERE. HOWEVER, BOTH THE SEMI-OFFICIAL AND OPPOSITION PRESS HAVE COMMENTED ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH BARELY CONCEALED GLEE.
- 2. A GOM-SOURCED COMMENTARY IN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY MAP REPEATED THE THEME (REFTEL) THAT MOROCCO HAD BEEN AMONG THE FIRST TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF THE SPECIAL SUMMIT, THE PURPORTED GOAL OF WHICH HAD BEEN TO "EXAMINE THE TENSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLIMATE CREATED AND NOURISHED BY ALGERIA IN THIS PART OF THE CONTINENT." THE COMMENTARY ALSO STRONGLY CRITICIZED OAU SECGEN ETEKI FOR "DECEITFUL CONDUCT" WHICH SERVED THE INTERESTS OF ALGERIA, PRAISED BONGO FOR TAKING SUCH A "COURAGEOUS" POSITION, AND STATED THAT MOROCCO WAS STILL PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETINGS SEEKING TO REDUCE ALGERIAN PROVOKED REGIONAL TENSIONS.

3. IN A POSSIBLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SENEGALESE FONMIN SECK ARRIVED THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12 CARRYING A SENGHOR MESSAGE.

4. COMMENT: THE GOM STRATEGY NOW WILL BE TO SIT TIGHT AND WORK FOR ANOTHER UNGA POSTPONEMENT OF DELAY WHILE THE OAU ATTEMPTS AGAIN TO GET IT TOGETHER ON THE SAHARA. ANDERSON

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